

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 02865

DATE: January 22, 2007

TIME: 6:00 pm - Special Meeting - Budget Workshop - Open

PLACE: Lincoln High School Library

135 Old River Road, Lincoln RI

School Committee Members Present: Mary Ann Roll, Chair, Betty Robson, Vice Chair, John Zangari, Clerk, Richard Battistoni, Kristine Donabedian, Mary Varr, Julie Zito

Others Present: Joseph Nasif, Jr., Interim Superintendent, Georgia Fortunato, Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, Melinda Smith, Mark Gadbois, Mary Carvalho, Linda Cliff, Margaret Knowlton, Monique Latessa, Bob Martin, Bruce Macksoud, Constance O'Riley, Joyce Ruppell,

Roll explained the procedure for the next three nights and welcomed the budget board members. She noted the presentations are pure, showing needs and haven't been cut. The subcommittee, consisting of Robson, Zito and Varr, will be meeting in between tonight and the 29th. Interim Superintendent Nasif explained the format and that they need to present a budget to the town within that 5.25%. Last year's budget was approximately 45 million dollars. This raw budget is

\$48,192,000, with an increase of 7.69% or just under 3.5 million dollars. Salaries will have increased by 6.15%, fringe benefits will be up 13.5%, purchased services 6.64%, utilities, supplies and materials up 11.83%. New positions increased 1.14% and step increases are up by almost a million dollars. This budget of \$47,102,501 will have to be cut \$1,089,225 to meet the cap.

Administrators made the following presentations:

Central Elementary - Constance O'Riley stated their greatest demand would be for a reading teacher. They have 14 children and 45 PLPs. She has requested \$500 for printing for administration due to the PBIS program and the need to print posters and awards. There will be a need to refill the Purell dispensers and defibrillator battery replacement. There is a need for a copier in her office. O'Riley noted the need for at least 100 folding chairs. She expressed concern for field trips with a couple being part of the curriculum and increased that line from \$650 to \$1,000.

Fairlawn Elementary - Joyce Ruppell stated there were 244 pre-school to first grade students, 18 with IEPs. The first grade will need one additional class and there is a classroom being used for occupational therapy that would be available. There was a decrease of three staff members who moved on to other schools. Textbooks and educational equipment are requested. Zito noted that the staff members were assistants who moved up with their students.

Lonsdale Elementary - Mary Carvalho reported her focus would be on capital improvements to the cafetorium. They are trying to do something with the sound in the room and to darken the room. She did request a grade five teacher due to class size. She is also increasing printing costs for the PBIS program. She noted she furnished one of the classrooms with used round tables.

Northern Elementary - Linda Cliff expressed concern for the increase in field trip costs. She increased printing costs for PBIS and uses NCR paper for a behavior slip. She noted the science kits are past dated and needs remedial reading texts. Cliff reported the book shelves are old and falling apart when they are moved for cleaning. Their laminating machine needs to be replaced. She is requesting a part time math teacher under Title I. Roll noted the formula for field trips is \$3 per student and if increased it would be for the district.

Saylesville Elementary - Margaret Knowlton is projecting an increase to the current 271 students. They are closing a second and third grade next year due to enrollment, but will be opening a fourth grade. Reading could use support with the IEPs and PLPs. There is an increase in workbooks and consumables and instructional supplies line.

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NELC - Monique Latessa reported there are 295 students NELC. They are looking for carpeting in the pre-K and K classrooms and the library. She is asking for a first grade teacher with seven first grade classes. There is an increase in workbooks and tiles for classroom libraries; one thousand to two thousand titles are required for literacy. She noted the chairs in the library are falling apart.

Lincoln Middle School - Bruce Macksoud reported enrollment is increasing and noted there might be an increase from private schools. He is asking for curriculum leaders to follow last year's team leaders. He is looking for a third guidance counselor again. He is asking for chorus and band teacher because about one third of the students signed up and it is difficult to fit them into one period. They are in need of a second shift custodian; there just aren't enough to keep the common areas dusted. He also felt a weekend security person is important to let people into the building. They need additional remedial readers.

Lincoln High School - Robert Martin noted the upcoming NEASC visit, high school diploma, and portfolio requirements. They are requesting a .2 Latin teacher, based on enrollment, and a .6 English teacher for a ramp up course for the ninth grade. He is looking for a

1.0 school nurse-teacher due to the size of the building.

Capital Improvements Review - Angelo Mencucci noted the high school will be going through NEASC and they are looking to paint in the 300's area. A chair lift is needed for ADA access for the 300 area. The middle school didn't have any requests. He explained he asked each school to look at their five worst rooms and noted that he recommends doing the whole room, rather than painting one year and carpeting another. A roof top unit for the nurses office and another therapy room is listed for Fairlawn. He is looking at paint the multi-purpose room at Central. Also requested is air conditioning for the library and carpet removal and paint for the hallways. Saylesville needs to have carpet abatement and some paint. He had lavatory fixtures in last year's budget; it includes all the toilets and urinals. He noted the budget number is just for fixtures and labor will be from in house. He supported the request for a sound system in the multi-purpose room because of its high use. Northern's numbers include the school lettering. He would like to put some carpeting in the library and paint the multi-purpose room, kitchen and hallways. NELC needs to be painted and needs carpeting. There are two bathrooms that are too small. It was noted most of the renovation work under the bond was exterior work at Northern. He would like to install a permanent stage at Lonsdale, improve lighting, the sound system, and get room darkening shades. He reported the courtyard needs work to prevent flooding. He would like to install a door in the courtyard to gain access to the boiler. The roof at Lonsdale needs to

be replaced. He is meeting with architects on the Administration building. Besides heat, it needs painting and carpeting. He reported the grounds are in great shape.

Interim Superintendent Nasif reported tomorrow night would be a quick review of the audit report and central administration budget. Roll noted if there are any questions, get them to the Superintendent's office.

Motion to adjourn by Zito. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK

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